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POLLUTION REPORT

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POLREP NO.: Three (3) and Final
INCIDENT NAME: Tidewater Baling
SITE NO.: 4N
POLLUTANT: PCB and Heavy Metal Contaminated Runoff
CLASSIFICATION: Major
SOURCE: Scrap Metal Baling Facility
LOCATION: Newark, Essex County, New Jersey
AMOUNT: N/A
WATER BODY: Passaic River

1. SITUATION:

A. The Ironbound Recreational Center (IRC) is referred to as the Tidewater Baling site due to its proximity to the Tidewater Baling Corporation (TBC), a scrap metal baling facility adjacent to the IRC in the Ironbound section of Newark. Ironbound is an urban industrial neighborhood inhabited by several thousand people.

B. Uncontrolled runoff from the TBC flows along a Conrail spur and discharges into a low-lying marsh area near the scoreboard at the northern end of IRC's property. This area often overflows and enters a storm sewer (identified by the Newark Department of Engineering as a possible dry well) on the IRC property. Sampling by NJDEP and EPA has confirmed the scoreboard area is contaminated with PCBs and heavy metals which can be linked to the TBC and possibly Conrail.

C. In response to a City of Newark directive to remedy TBC's drainage problems, the owner has constructed several unlined pits to collect rainwater and placed sorbent pads along the flow path of the runoff.

D. Fencing and warning signs installed by the NJDEP and the City of Newark to isolate the scoreboard area have been breeched and the latter removed.

E. The recreation center, built in 1968, is situated on property formerly owned by the Celanese Corporation. Celanese donated the land to the City of Newark to be developed for recreational use. It is suspected that many of the materials from the former facility, including hazardous chemicals, were buried on-site. Soil and groundwater contamination from phenol and phenol compounds was discovered during excavation for a swimming pool in the southeast corner of the site.

2. ACTION TAKEN:

A. ERCS completed fence installation and repairs on September 8, 1989.

B. ERCS installed hazardous waste warning signs on September 15, 1989.

C. Project was officially closed on September 26, 1989.

D. Paragraphs C and E of "Situation" section of this pollution report were corrected upon receipt of information from David Beeman of NJDEP.

3. FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. TAT will prepare Administrative Record and publish Public Notice of Availability in local newspaper.

B. TAT will prepare OSC report.

4. FINANCIAL STATUS:

A. Total Project Ceiling Authorized as of 9/26/89	\$100,000
B. Total Funds Authorized for Mitigation Contracting as of 9/26/89	\$ 50,000
C. Expenditures for Mitigation Contracts	
1.a. Total amount obligated (DCN# KE 3037) as of 9/26/89	\$ 50,000

1.b. Estimated Expenditures as of 9/26/89	\$ 14,940
1.c. Balance Remaining	\$ 35,060
D. Unobligated Balance Remaining	\$ 0
E. Estimate of Total Expenditures to Date for all Mitigation Contracts	\$ 14,940
F. Other Extramural Costs	
1.a. TAT Salary/Travel as of 9/26/89	\$ 10,314
G. Intramural Removal Costs	
1.a. EPA Salary/Travel as of 9/26/89	\$ 9,500
H. Total Expenditures	\$ 34,754
I. Percentage of Total Project Ceiling	34.8%

FURTHER
 POLREPS
 FINAL POLREP X FORTHCOMING _____ SUBMITTED BY Eugene Dominach
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